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BALTIMORE WOMAN SENTENCED FOR DEFRAUDING CAREFIRST BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Lindsay Marshall-Hall, age 33, of Baltimore, Maryland was sentenced today by Chief United States District Judge Benson E. Legg to 1 year in prison followed by 3 years supervised release for a mail fraud scheme in which she stole \$152, 626 from her employer, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield through the use of false invoices from a non-existent printing company. Hall was also ordered to pay restitution of \$152,626 to CareFirst.

According to the statement of facts presented by the government at Hall's guilty plea in December of 2002, Hall worked at CareFirst as an administrative assistant in the purchasing department from August, 1999 until September, 2000. Beginning in January of 2000, Hall created invoices for "D&L Hall Print Co.," a fictitious printing company with her home address as its business address. She also created purchase orders in the CareFirst computer system for D&L Hall Print Co. to provide services and goods to CareFirst in amounts that matched the invoices. Hall then submitted the false invoices and purchase orders to CareFirst, which paid the invoices by mailing

checks to D&L Print Co. at Hall's residence. CareFirst discovered the scheme in September of 2000, when a manager in the advertising department noticed a payment in his department's records for D&L Hall Print Co. Not recognizing the company name, the manager investigated further and discovered that the alleged company was located at Hall's residence. This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kathleen O. Gavin.